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SUBJECT: ECONADS: WORK PROGRAM--MEETING ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REF: A. USNATO 4919

B. STATE 220635

1. AT SEPTEMBER 18 ECONADS MEETING UK REP EXPRESSED LONDON REGRET THAT SUBJECT MEETING WOULD SLIP UNTIL NEXT YEAR IN VIEW OF DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING UPDATED INFORMATION ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES TO NAC FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THERE BE AN "INFORMAL" MEETING OF EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD IN NOVEMBER, FOR A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. BASED ON SEPTEMBER 17 USECONAD/ WOLFE TELECON, WE INDICATED US WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING NEW TO SUCH A MEETING, BUT SAID WE WOULD INQUIRE WHETHER AN EXPERT MIGHT BE IN EUROPE IN NOVEMBER. THERE WAS SOME SYMPATHY FROM OTHER DELS TOO FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING BUT, AS A MINIMUM, CHAIRMAN REQUESTED ALL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS THEY MIGHT HAVE TO PERMIT THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES IN THE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT IT WOULD PREPARE FOR THE MINISTERIAL.

3. AS INSTUCTED REF (B), WE SUGGESTED MOVING DATE FOR
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REGULAR MEETING FORWARD TO LATE FEBRUARY AND THIS WAS ACCEPTED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:(A) INDICATION WHETHER US COULD BE REPRESENTED AT "INFORMAL" MEETING SUGGESTED BY UK. (B) SUBMISSION OF UP-DATE MEMO AS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN.

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